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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-10, 12-23, 25 & 27-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawai, (U.S. Pat # 6,137,48., in view of Comstock, (U.S. Pat # 5,692,073).

Considering claims 1, 15, 20, 25, 27, 36 & 45, the claimed system for managing video teleconferencing device configured to exchange audio/video data, comprising a management adapter accessible to a user interface, having a list that identifies teleconferencing devices, is met by the discussion in Kawaia, Fig. 3; col. 4, lines 38-50.

As for the claimed device layer interfaced to the management adapter, which represents the devices as object, Kawai shows the device as text in a list, not as an object. However, Comstock teaches representing the devices as objects, see Fig. 1; col. 3, lines 20-55. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kawai with the teachings of Comstock, for the desirable advantage of a more user friendly interface.

Considering claims 2, the claimed device access layer representing the video network devices as management beans reads on the discussion in Comstock, col. 5, lines 1-20.

Considering claims 3-10, 12-14, 16-19, 21-23, 25, 28-35, 37-44 & 46-49, the combination of Kawai, & Comstock, which are directed to the management of a plurality of devices in a vide conferencing system meets also claimed subject matter.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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